



## EISENHOWER MEDICAL CENTER

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Dear Dr. Werdegar:

Eisenhower Memorial Hospital welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Acute Myocardial Infarction Outcome Project. In addition to participation in this and other studies, the records of patients who receive care at EMH are routinely reviewed by hospital and medical staff to identify opportunities to improve the quality of patient care delivered.

We are pleased to note that the observed outcomes of patients cared for at Eisenhower Memorial Hospital were within the expected projections for Acute Myocardial Infarction.

The conditions and procedures selected for study provide valuable results to EMH, as they represent significant patient populations seen at the hospital. We look forward to inclusion in the delivery outcomes study, as data from our Birthing Center which opened in late 1993 is included in future studies.

In review of the study design and methodology, we request ongoing diligence on the part of OSHPD in the following areas:

- Refinement of the risk adjustment methods as new literature is made available,
- Inclusion of physiologic functional status and conditions appropriate for analysis,

- Use of more recent data, to provide for relevant and timely analysis and comparison,
- Identification and evaluation of underlying factors which may influence or contribute to an organization's success,
- Sensitivity to the hospital's data collection and reporting burden, and;
- Study of the accuracy of coded patient records as a primary data collection source.

Eisenhower Memorial Hospital supports OSHPD's efforts to provide accurate and useful information regarding the quality of hospital care, and encourages its proper use in the education of health care consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy", is written over the printed name "Nancy Wilson".

Nancy Wilson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Eisenhower Memorial Hospital

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